

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of East Bethel**  
**19001 Jackson Street NE**  
**East Bethel, MN 55011**  
**Approved Minutes of the Regular Congregation Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at OSLC**

**Members Present:** Jan Berqual, Ben Bjornson, Holle Despen, Jim Jerylo, Mark Kramm, Kathy Neuberger, Pastor Maria Pederson, Michelle Reichow, Karen Schrecongost, Connie Weigel.

**Members Excused:** Terry Kolodjski, Pastor Dan Nordin, Deacon Glenndy Ose.

**Members Absent:** none

**Guests Present:** Cindy Delmonico.

President Michelle Reichow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Treats were provided by Mark Kramm.

Mark Kramm led devotions.

**Secretary's Report:** Ben Bjornson moved to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2017 Regular Congregation Council Meeting. Motion carried.

**Council Agenda Review:** Michelle Reichow noted that there were no additional items added to the agenda.

**Finance Report:** Ben Bjornson distributed and explained the June 2017 Finance Report, the June 2017 Cash Flow Report, and the July 2017 Cash Flow Report (completed up through the date of the council meeting). Ben anticipates a good July because there are 5 Sundays in July, as well as two celebrations. Jan Berqual moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved.

**Team Reports:**

1. **Visioning Team:** Tracy Burman reported on the progress of the Visioning Team. This team has been meeting to assess what OSLC needs. They have been communicating with community partners, such as local charity groups, the police, the firefighters, and other churches to determine the unmet needs of our community. They will also meet with OSLC staff and OSLC members to hear about the needs in our church. After determining the range of needs, they will begin to sort these needs to determine a more focused direction for OSLC.

2. **Preschool:** Pastor Maria noted that the preschool already has 40 families enrolled for the fall. They are interviewing for an aide to help meet the needs of this growing program.
3. **Children's Ministry:** Pastor Maria shared that 87 kids attended VBS. They had a blast, and it was a great event!
4. **Camp Wapo:** Pastor Maria noted that many OSLC youth attended Camp Wapo. There were 11 second-third grade students, 49 fourth-eighth grade students, and 7 high school students.
5. **Worship and Music:** The Preachers' Daughters will be singing at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> chapel service. The Reformation celebration worship will be October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Mary Jackson will return to portray Katie Luther, focusing on the early days of reformation history. The Music Staff is putting together a mass choir from area Lutheran churches for this celebration.
6. **Fellowship:** Jan Berqual shared that OSLC is helping Glen Cary to host Family Promise August 6-13. Please contact Jan if you are able to help meet the needs of homeless families this week.
7. **Youth Ministry:** Cindy Delmonico noted that OSLC youth are leaving Saturday, July 15 for a mission trip to Chicago.

### **Old Business:**

1. **Building Team:** The Building Team is now up and running. The team members will be installed on July 30 during Sunday services. The team is meeting with staff to determine the space that is needed for each ministry, as well as the dreams for the future of these ministries. There will be a survey for church members on July 30. This survey will be available in writing or online.
2. **Stewardship/Capital Funds Appeal:** The Stewardship Team has met with our consultant, Howard White. The team is doing research and gathering demographic information for the August team meeting.
3. **Celebration Reminders:** Michelle Reichow reminded council that there will be a farewell celebration for Brice Bloxham during services on July 23, and a celebration of Pastor Dan's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination on July 30<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 service.

### **Celebration Moments**

**New Business:**

- 1. Hiring the Director of Children and Family Ministries:** Pastor Maria moved that OSLC hire Kate Roettger as the Director of Children and Family Ministries, starting 8/1/17, at the salary recommended by the Human Resources Team. This motion was approved.
- 2. Mail Bag:** Michelle Reichow shared an invitation to council to a “Grown for Love” party on July 25 from 7:00-8:30. This party is a thank you from the Garden for Community team that grows produce for the food shelf.
- 3. Report any Sale of Stock:** There were no sales of stocks to report.

Connie Weigel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

Holle Despen, Secretary

Next regular council meeting: August 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
August Devotions: Ben Bjornson  
August Treats: Ben Bjornson